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Despite Her Haughty Attitude, Clubs Hope for Her Company on Winter Trips.

The halls of Commons and Silliman are constantly echoing the notes of the Musical Clubs, which organizations have already in many ways reached the high-water mark of former perfection. The Mandolin Club at last has come into its own, and despite all past belief that it should be the weaker vessel, it has really been found guilty of some expression and truly delightful harmony. Every one of its numbers is worth while, and none have been selected simply because there had to be something with which to fill in. Nor is the Glee Club in any way lagging behind. The Club will undoubtedly surpass its predecessors in finesse and the harmonious ensemble work that, when well done, makes listening to unaccompanied male voices such a pleasure. The new numbers are of the swinging, snappy, melodious—far from the ultra-classical—sort which has gone so far toward the success of our clubs in past years.

As last year, the quartet will be one of the most prominent features, having an entirely new repertoire, which will be clever and exhaustive as heretofore. The soloists will be Messrs. Allen and Gouge, the former singing with the Glee Club accompanying, and the latter with mandolin quintet doing like service. The tryouts for monologist will be held the very first of next term. Here's hoping. The campus medley comes from the maiden pen of Leader Johnson, who is collaborating on the tutti-fruttis with the faithful Purdy. One of the many surprises will be the introduction of a tomtom. Just how this instrument of torture is to be used could not be discovered by the interviewing Life reporter. Even the Clubs themselves are more or less aghast at the idea.

The manager is still playing the clam, but has divulged this much, all of which is as yet purely "tentative." The winter trip will be taken either the second week in February or the first in March and will, it is hoped, include Schenectady, Pittsfield and Holyoke, Mass., and New York. This much is practically assured. The Spring vacation trip will probably make its objective Buffalo, including such stops as Norwich, Binghamton, Auburn, Rochester, Albion, Batavia, Geneva and Jamestown. There will be the usual concert on the Hill Thursday afternoon of Junior week, and a few one night stands of which Little Falls, Rome, Herkimer, and Clinton are possibilities. A joint concert with Colgate is at last to materialize this year and will be given in Utica some time in March.

The Clubs are to be commended for the splendid way in which they have been working and this, we are assured, is to continue. For the rest of the term the Mandolin Club will practice in Silliman Hall, Monday at 7, Wednesday at 7, and Friday at 5, while the Glee Club will practice in Commons Monday at 5, Tuesday at 5, Thursday at 5, and Friday at 7:30. For the first part of next term the Glee Club will practice daily. If possible both Clubs will enjoy professional coaching. Another weeding has taken place, resulting in a personnel which reads as follows: Glee, 1st tenors, Sidle, '11, Johnson, '11, H. W. Thompson, '12, West, '12, Callahan, '13 Perry, '14; 2nd tenors, Gouge, '11, O'Brien, '11, Peters, '12, Peck, '12, Walker, '12, Ahlheim, '12, Brown, '13; 1st bass, Peters, '11, DuBois, '12, Knox, '12, Eells, '12, Barney, '14, Williamson, '14; 2nd bass, Allen, '11, Burdick, '11, Fawcett, '11, Boone, '12, Woods, '13, Leavenworth, '14, Felt, '14. Mandolin: First, Gould, '11, Westcott, '11, Barber, '13, Blood, '14, Felt, '14, Flagg, '14; seconds, Gould, '13, Heidner, '13, True, '13, Eddy, '14, Leavenworth, '14; guitars, Eells, '12, Griswold, '13, Porter, '13, Akers, '14.

—E. P. Powell, '53, is now in Sorrento, Florida, where he is founding an ideal social settlement. With this object in view he is at present selling all his real estate in New York.

WEIGHTY WORLD PROBLEM

Regular Schedule Arranged With National Knotty Points—Intramurals Now Organized.

Last Thursday night the first steps were taken to organize a permanent Republican Club on the Hill. The meeting was the outgrowth of the temporary organization effected before election to aid in the campaign. Those present were in accord with the spirit of the movement, and elected officers and transacted such business as was necessary for the founding of a permanent club. The ultimate object of the new organization is to affiliate with the National Republican College League.

The meeting was called to order by S. Jones, '11, acting as temporary chairman. After briefly stating the object of the plan he introduced O'Brien, '11, who explained in detail the purpose of the gathering, and urged the necessity of arousing a more healthy political spirit in the College. He said in part: "The organization of a Republican Club will bring the College into prominence in the College League; it will allow the students a better opportunity to get in touch with the vital questions in politics, and it will be a means of inspiring every man with a deeper sense of his duties as a citizen." He explained that as soon as a constitution could be drawn up the organization would be put upon a firm working basis. After these remarks, it was moved and carried that the Republican Club of Hamilton College should be organized, and the following officers were elected: O'Brien, '11, President; Bedenkapp, '12, Vice-president; Wisehart, '11, Secretary; Porter, '13, Treasurer.

The object of the Club is to study and discuss political problems not only in the nation but thruout the world. This will be an adjunct to the study of political economy. At the regular meetings which will be held monthly, beginning with Winter term, various matters of interest will be discussed, and debates upon various political questions will be held.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF TERM EXAMINATIONS.

Friday, Dec. 16, 9 a. m.

Seniors — History of Education, Physics Laboratory.
Juniors—Mineralogy, Greek.

1:30 p. m.

Seniors—English Seminar.
Sophomores— French, L. S.
Freshmen—French, L. S.

Saturday, Dec. 17, 9 a. m.

Seniors—Geology, Greek, Mathematics.
Juniors—Latin.
Sophomores—Mathematics.
Freshmen—Elocution.

1:30 p. m.

Juniors—Sociology.

Monday, Dec. 19, 9 a. m.

Seniors—History of Philosophy, Advanced Chemistry.
Juniors—American History, Advanced Chemistry.
Sophomores—Latin.
Freshmen—Epistle of James.

1:30 p. m.

Seniors—Physics, German.
Juniors—Physics, German, L. S.

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 9 a. m.

Seniors—Ethics.
Juniors—Calculus, Biology.
Sophomores—Biology.
Freshmen—Latin.

1:30 p. m.

Seniors—Bacteriology.
Juniors—German, English History, Bacteriology.
Sophomores—Greek, German, L. S.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 9 a. m.

Seniors—Finance, Hebrew.
Juniors—Chemistry, Cl.
Sophomores—Chemistry, L. S.
Freshmen — Outlines of History, Greek.

1:30 p. m.

Seniors—German Seminar, English Literature.
Juniors—English Literature.
Sophomores—German, Cl.
Freshmen—German.

Thursday, Dec. 22, 9 a. m.

Seniors—Constitutional Government, Latin.
Sophomores—Old Testament History.
Freshmen—Mathematics.

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COMPETITION FOR PRESS CLUB.

The following Freshmen reported last week as competitors for a position on the Press Club: Barnes, Booth, Callahan, Eddy, Erhardt, Lyon, Mengerink, Rhodes, and Walker. At the meeting held in Silliman Hall Wednesday afternoon the Club decided to try out a new system this year. The Club is to be divided into three separate departments: Bulletin, Special Articles, and Personals. The Bulletin department is in charge of E. H. Jones, '11, the President of the Club, and of Porter, '13, and will be devoted to articles of interest about the College which are eligible for all the papers within the scope of the Press Club. Bates, '12, and Lyon, '13, have the Special Articles department, which will differ from the Bulletin department in that it will include only the articles which are written for some special paper. The Personals department has been assigned to Hallock, '12, and DuBourdieu, '12, and will have charge of all personal "write-ups."

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EDITORIAL.

Alumni have often suggested alterations and innovations in our scheme of things, and of these, many there are who tell of a reception to their suggestions that was tantamount to a rebuff. In their impracticability and unwisdom many of the proposals and criticisms that beset a college president must be irritating to the last degree but, allowing for all that, there must be something in the widespread impression among the graduates that it is not an easy matter to offer suggestions, however tactfully, to the administration of this College. In a small community, ruled for many years rather too autocratically, it is hard to offer to pitch in and help without such an offer becoming a very personal matter, doomed far too often to end in personalities. We have in mind a fairly prominent Alumnus who grows white with anger at the bare recollection of an exchange of letters with a certain college president, in which the latter delivered an airy thrust that has long "alienated the affections" of the alumnus. That he should allow himself to be alienated by so trivial a thing is quite as regrettable, of course, as the thrust itself.

If it is admittedly difficult to penetrate with proposals the inner councils of the administration, all honor to the patience and irrepressible enthusiasm of those who attempt it. Last June two of the Alumni, each of distinguished service to the College, bethought them of organizing a series of good lectures for the Hill, such as other colleges can boast. A third Alumnus promptly offered to finance the scheme. It seemed as tho the prospects for the course were good, but Dr. Stryker would have none of it, and of that of which he will have none, we may have none. If you don't like it, you know what you can do. We understand that he based his veto on the memory of his own ill success in gathering audiences for the lecturers of his own inviting in the past, but we respectfully submit, that if he was thinking of those he tried to hold on holidays, he should have expected no more than he got. We remember those Washington's Birthday efforts and struggle to keep a straight face.

The lecture course, in our opinion, would be welcome. From our own Alumni we could have good things, and have them abundantly. Dr. Stryker, himself, on any one of a number of topics, would be well worth hearing, and he would have every man there. Samuel Hopkins Adams, '91, would draw well. Dr. J. B. Huber, '87, lectures far and wide on tuberculosis. Why not to us? As for the field beyond our Alumni, it is limitless. An hour with a good lecturer, provided that he be really good and that the hour selected be not one when the fellows itch peculiarly to be elsewhere, would, we submit, be as entertaining as the Shubert, or as valuable, say, as one hour with the Book of James.

Criticism is often made in a helpful spirit. It is wise, perhaps, to assume that it is always so made unless you are sure it is not. We believe that most of that offered hereabouts springs from an interest in the College as genuine as that of those who resent the criticism and preach against it. We are after all like so many little John Wilkeses. If Life has abstained from much of it, it was thru a feeling that it is often a futile and dangerous weapon. It is doubly so when the weapon becomes a toy.

Take for example, Dounce's Lit. Critique of last week. In it he suggested with some cunning a feeling of distaste at certain recent political explosions which rent the air. Those explosions, by the way, were executed in a manner, which, until their reverberations die away, should suffice to silence any objections on the part of the explosive to the most unbridled and leathern-lunged comment. Now we feel that the raising of such a gentle whisper as Dounce's is legitimate, if for no better reason than such sassiness is our eternal right. But how about his little dig that ended the Critique? There at least the weapon became a toy, used solely for the critic's own fun, to no earthly purpose or benefit, and without, we think, the shadow of an excuse. We speak of it, not because it was in any way important, or because any one cared, but because it happens to illustrate our point.

Dr. Stryker told a College Editor not so very long ago that he considered an anonymous editorial a cowardly thing, whatever he meant by that. Legend hath it that he once expressed his fixed determination never to follow any suggestion of the College journals. We believe that this is a mythical anecdote and hope that Heaven has given to one so important to our little destinies, a meeker spirit. We hope he knows that any criticism we, or any of our successors, may make is dictated by the same spirit that has made him toil and sweat for years as the faithful steward of no easy charge.

To the Editor of Life:

In the issue of November 2, Life suggests editorially that "should the Press Club confine its offerings to the news of the College rather than to that of the individuals within it, the results would be equally effective."

I believe the Editor is mistaken. The present policy of the Press Club is not to write "exhaustive accounts of the achievements of the Freshmen" but thru interest in undergraduates to interest communities in the College. An excess of zeal may sometimes make baseball heroes overnight, but rather a magnification of the individual with mention of the College, than no mention of the College at all.

Most newspapers are not pressed for copy. They do not need to ac-

cept everything offered for free publication. Hamilton seldom offers impersonal news so startling as to command space in the average paper. On the other hand the most influential papers are usually those which emphasize items of local interest. Thru such papers and such interests Hamilton may be introduced to the best parts of the communities.

The Press Club has already this year accomplished much. With the more effective organization that has recently been effected, and with a healthy Freshman competition, it will be an important agent in keeping Hamilton in the public eye. It needs earnest support. Respectfully,

HARRY C. BATES.

To the Editor of Life:

The Y. M. C. A. does not wish to flaunt its deeds before the College. It would prefer to work quietly, and be a real influence, rather than a big noise. Yet a good many fellows, perhaps, wonder what the activities of the Association have been.

First are the Sunday meetings. A special effort has been made to secure speakers who would be worth hearing, and the success of the plan has been marked. On several occasions as many as seventy-five men turned out, while the average for the term was about fifty. The mid-week prayer meeting has more than justified itself, as thirty or forty fellows were often in attendance.

By taking advantage of the kind offer of Dr. Squires, the Y. M. C. A. has been able to offer a tremendously interesting lecture course and discussion club combined. The club meets every other Friday night in Silliman Hall and is proving very practical and helpful. About forty men are enrolled. A class has also been organized for mission sudy..

During next term the Association hopes to start work among the boys in Clinton. There is a real opportunity for any man who wants some practical work, as nothing is being done at present to keep the boys interested in the best things.

The officers desire the help of every man. Some fellows, indeed, may say that they do not need the Y. M. C. A. Nevertheless, the Y. M. C. A. does need them in its work. Any man who really wishes to help will be very welcome in Silliman Hall, where he may make his desires known. As a matter of fact we don't think much of the fellow who kicks about a team's playing and does not get out himself. Worse yet is the fellow who does not even care if we do lose. Every man is urgently asked to get into some phase of the Y. M. C. A. work, and do his best to make it what he thinks it ought to be. Respectfully,

R. B. COLSON.

FALL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.

The Advisory Board held its annual Fall meeting in Silliman Hall Monday evening. The meeting was preceded by a sitting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at which the managers of track and baseball submitted their estimates for the Spring. Manager Anibal of the Musical Clubs will not submit his estimate until the second week in December, the maximum limit for the submitting of estimates for the fiscal year. He does not expect to draw on the general fund, as the Musical Clubs in past seasons have not only been self-supporting but have had a balance to turn into the general fund at the end of the season.

Nominations for officers was the first business taken up in the Advisory Board meeting. Prof. Lewis was renominated for President and Prof. Carruth for Treasurer. Dr. Wood was nominated for Vice-president in place of Prof. Saunders. Walker and Peters, '12, were nominated for secretary. All the Alumni and Faculty members were renominated, with the exception of Dr. Squires for Williams, '08.

The retiring football manager submitted his report, which was referred to an auditing committee composed of Dr. Brandt, Colson and Allen. Connell, '12, was nominated for manager, and Wenigmann and Cross, '13, for assistant manager. Robinson and Perry, '14, were nominated for Freshman representative.

The treasurer then submitted his report, which was referred to the auditing committee. Manager Peck submitted a tentative track schedule, which was approved, as was Manager Pratt's spring baseball schedule and Southern trip.

Captain Sidle recommended the granting of the "H" to the following eligible men: Sidle, Knox, Stone, Roberts, Robinson, Burdick, Martin, D. Root, C. B. Thompson, McLean, Perry, and Potter; also to Manion for his hard and faithful services. This was unanimously accepted.

On motion it was decided to hold the Fall elections on December 12, from 9 till 12 in Silliman Hall. The elections will be by ballot as last year. Mitchell, '11, and Boone and Drummond, '12, were appointed as an election committee.

Barrows, '06, suggested amending Article 8 concerning the wearing of the Football "H", since fewer games are played than formerly. Barrows, Drummond, and Sidle were appointed a committee to consider this. On motion the Board recommended that Article 1, Section 5 of the By-Laws be changed to allow anyone participating in one whole game or part of two to be in the football picture.

The ticket will be as follows: For President of the Athletic Association, Prof. C. L. Lewis; Vice-president, Prof. Frank H. Wood; Secretary, L. B. Peters, '12, E. C. Walker, '12; Treasurer, Prof. W. M. Carruth; Manager of Football, C. D. Connell, '12; Assistant Manager of Football, H. I. Cross, '13, C. B. Wenigmann, '13; Freshman Representative, R. S. Perry, A. S. Robinson; Alumni Representative, Pres. Stryker, Prof. E. S. Babcock, H. R. Barrows, Prof. H. C. G. Brandt, Prof. F. M. Davenport, Prof. W. J. Miller, H. P. Osborne, Prof. A. P. Saunders, Prof. W. H. Squires, Prof. H. B. Ward, Rev. Henry White, Prin. P. L. Wight.

DELTA UPSILON INFORMAL.

The Hamilton Chapter of Delta Upsilon gave an informal dance at the Chapter House Tuesday evening, Nov. 29. The patronesses were: Mrs. Latcher of Utica, Mrs. Carruth, Mrs. White, Mrs. Ward of Clinton. The other guests were: Miss Morgan, Miss Clark, Miss Harvey, Miss McIntyre, Miss Lois Clarke, Miss Jacobs, Miss Thomas, Miss Eggleston, and Miss Latcher, of Utica, Miss Babcock and Miss Sebastian of Boonville, Miss Metcalf of Clinton, Miss Finster of Clayville. There were also present Prof. F. H. Wood, Prof. H. B. Ward, Prof. A. P. Saunders, Prof. A. H. Shearer. Bergner of Utica furnished the music and Williams served.

—Titus, Wills, and Glover, '10, have been elected and initiated into the Phi Delta Phi legal society of the New York Law School.

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HILL NOTES.

—Contrary to current report the Senior Seminar in Political Science is in no way connected with the recently organized Republican Club. It is an elective one hour subject, non-partisan, of course, and serves as a supplement to Professor Davenport's work with the Seniors.

—Hamilton posters for suit cases have been prepared and may be secured from E. H. Jones, '11.

—Arrangements have been made for Harris of Utica to take the class pictures for the 1912 Hamiltonian.

—A meeting of the Freshman Class was held Wednesday. A committee consisting of LaForce, Marsh and Mengerink was appointed to select class colors, the treasurer's report was accepted and an agreement with the Sophomores that no stolen suit-cases shall be taken off the Hill was read.

—Senator Elihu Root, '64, has sold his residence in New York City, where he has spent his winters for many years past.

—The Musical Clubs' picture was taken in Utica last Saturday.

—F. C. Beach, '05, is teaching at the Riverdale School, Riverdale, N. Y

—Professor Squires gave the second of his series of special lectures on Friday evening. Questions were answered from 7:30 to the start of the lecture, which was upon the Kingdom of God, the nature and character of Christ.

—Hull, '12, is ill at his home in Walden.

—Mr. G. C. Myers, the State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the regular meeting on November 27.

—The marriage of R. W. Stone, '99, to Miss Mary Buck was celebrated on Thursday, November 17th in Middletown, N. Y.

—Saturday night Martin and Allen, '11, tendered Square, the erstwhile Buttinski, a dinner at the Martin, followed by a theatre party at the Majestic.

—Prof. Davenport will speak before the People's Institute of New York City this week.

—Prof. Saunders recently purchased some new apparatus for the Chemical Laboratory.

—Martin, '11, spoke recently in the First Presbyterian Church at New York Mills.

—Last Wednesday a special chapel was held at 5 p. m. for those who had missed appearances in regular Wednesday chapels by reason of quarantine. Another will be held Thursday, Dec. 8, at 4 p. m., for Saturday chapel absences.

—Prof. Ibbotson has organized a Literature Club among the Juniors, which will meet on alternate Wednesday evenings. The club will take up the novel of the nineteenth century. Next Wednesday Jane Austen's novel, "Pride and Prejudice," will be discussed.

—At a meeting of the Prom. Committee held last Thursday evening it was decided that Prom. Week should commence on February 13 this year. Zita of Albany will furnish the music. The members of the Committee are: Walker, Chairman, Boone, Treasurer, Alvord, Bagg, Bedenkapp, Hopkins, Grant and Watkins.

—The sweaters which were awarded to last year's baseball team have arrived and have been given to the following "H" men: Titus, Judson, '10, Sidle, Allen, '11, Watkins, C. D. Root, Knox, Hallock, '12, Woods, '13.

—Kuolt, '07, is coaching the basketball team of Union College this year.

—Hatfield, '09, and Jones, '10, were on the Hill last week.

—Dr. Ebeling entertained the Sophomore Greek class at his home Saturday evening.

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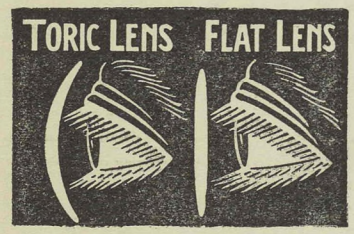

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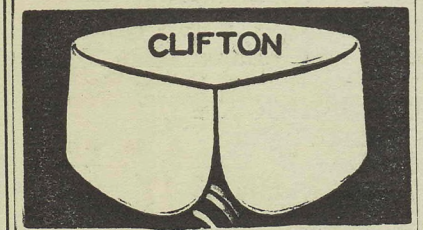

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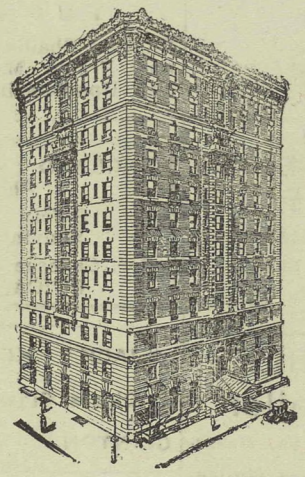

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